



Laboratory Outreach Communication System

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Need for LOCS

To address gaps in laboratory-related communication with the broad clinical community

LOCS Vision

To be the central source for laboratory professionals to get credible information on routine and emergent issues

LOCS Project Statement

To build a volunteer communications infrastructure for the exchange of laboratory-related information between CDC and others in the laboratory community

Initial Program

Provide up-to-date information in a dynamic or urgent public health situation

Updates

- Audience
 - Public health, clinical, physician office, independent laboratory staff
- Timing
 - Scheduled and unscheduled
- Route of communication
 - Teleconference, web conference
 - Mailing lists, email, phone/ FAX
- Topics
 - Needs of laboratorians that are not being met
 - Emergent issues, changes in regulations, standards, recommended practices, disaster relief

Comments and Suggestions

- General needs for communication
- Future topics of interest
- Format suggestions
- Post call follow-up